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Dear Mr. Wilson:

DELETION OF HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER (TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT) TARGET DATE M-90-07-T01, "COMPLETE IMMOBILIZED LOW-ACTIVITY WASTE (ILAW) DISPOSAL FACILITY CONCEPTUAL DESIGN" DUE JUNE 30, 2000

The attached Signed Change request, M-90-00-02, proposes deletion of the M-90-07-T07 Target milestone due to changes to the technical and schedule baseline for the ILAW disposal mission. The major technical changes to the technical baseline include: 1) dropping the project for modification of the grout vaults for interim storage of ILAW; and 2) adoption of the "remote-handled trench" concept as a basis for planning for the final disposal of ILAW. Although a "90 percent" conceptual design for an ILAW disposal facility based on emplacement of the ILAW packages in concrete vaults was completed in September 1998, it no longer reflects the preferred concept and was not finalized.

The ILAW disposal milestones have been discussed with the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) as part of the Tri-Party Agreement negotiations on privatization of tank waste treatment. Privatized treatment of tank waste will entail several years delay beyond the schedule that was assumed when the subject target milestone was first adopted in Change Request M-90-96-01. However, the subject milestone has been proposed for deletion in the current draft Change Request M-90-00-01, although final agreement between Ecology and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has not been reached. Therefore, with a June 30, 2000, due date for M-90-07-T01 approaching, DOE is submitting this change request to preserve its dispute resolution rights under Article VII of the Tri-Party Agreement.

If you have any questions, please contact me on (509) 376-6888, or Philip LaMont, Tank Waste Processing and Disposal Division, on (509) 376-6117.

Sincerely,

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## Attachment

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## Description/Justification of Change (continued)

This change request will delete the following target date:

M-90-07-T01

Complete ILAW Disposal Facility Conceptual Design

6/30/2000

Note:

The balance of the ILAW Disposal Mission is currently being negotiated within <u>Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order</u> (Agreement) privatization negotiations, specifically draft Change Request M-90-00-01.